

## Nathaniel Bowditch Home

9 North Street, Salem

From 1811 to 1823 this three-story frame house was the home of Nathaniel Bowditch, a fascinating figure in the history of American science and navigation. Something of an “editor extraordinaire,” he uncovered 8,000 errors in an 1800 English volume, *The Practical Navigator*, and two years later published *The New American Practical Navigator*. Not surprisingly, this supplanted the older work as a standard manual for seamen the world over. For years afterward sailors left port armed with a “Testament, a Bowditch, a quadrant, a chest of sea clothes, and a mother’s blessing.”